

Luxurious Laborde Guest Comments

Jina Pak – Englewood, California
June 2017

It was a good and secure location. But it had a lot of noise from construction going on next door. Because of these noises, I wasn't able to sleep properly and ended up waking up very early in the morning. Other than that, it was a nice stay.

Gregory Fields – Highlands Ranch, CO
June 2017

Stayed at Gail's for 4 nights. The check-in process was fantastic. A full set of documentation and someone there to greet us and go through everything. Gail was great up front giving us lots of links to services in Paris and got us hooked into a concierge who was able to deliver a cake to the apartment prior to our arrival for our son's 10th birthday. The apartment is well furnished and the beds were comfortable. An array of power adapters were available for our use although we had our own. They even gave us a bottle of wine on our arrival! Communication with Gail was fantastic both before the trip and during. No issues there at all. My major complaint is that we selected this apartment based on its description and the fact that it has an air conditioner. The last time we were in Paris we were caught in a heat wave in a hotel with no AC so we weren't going to make that mistake again. Unfortunately, when we got there we were told that we couldn't run the AC at night because of noise that would cause the neighbors to complain. Night time is exactly when we wanted/needed AC. They did provide fans in the rooms and we complied with their request, but I feel like the price we paid for the apartment was not justified without the ability to use the air conditioning when we were in the apartment. Overall the apartment was solid and Gail's service impeccable. However, don't rely on this apartment for AC in the summer. Gail, as mentioned your staff was outstanding and the check-in process was the best we've had so far. The issues with the AC were our primary complaints but everything else was excellent.

Sirasith Kinsuwan – Bangkok, Thailand
May 2017

Comfy room. Gail and Georgina were really lovely and helpful. It was a perfect accommodation for me and made my trip in Paris unforgettable. Would not hesitate to stay here again if I get a chance to be back in Paris

Yi – China
April 2017

The room is clean and comfortable, and the space is a little small. The landlord was very enthusiastic about the surrounding traffic and shopping toiles.

Sonja Montgomery Daniels – California, USA
March 2017

This place is perfectly Paris, safe, close to public transport, dining, hip neighborhood. The apt is exactly like the pictures and very nice and clean. Gail and Georgina are so helpful and great! We will stay here again when we return to Paris. Gail you and Georgina were incredible! Thank you for excellent customer service!

Michel Van Eersel – Charlottesville, Virginia
March 2017

Lovely place in great neighborhood, very convenient to everything, well stocked! Wished we'd been warned in advance about the construction going on next door (jack hammering daily, starting at 8am

through about 5/6pm M-F). **Note from PerfectlyParis – There was no work going on in the building where this apartment is. There is another building that had work going on by the guest only notified us of this issue upon check out.**

**Michael Petty – Canton, Michigan
February 2017**

This is an amazingly quiet place. We were even able to sleep with our windows open! In the middle of Paris! It is located between two metro stations, which can get you to anywhere in Paris in 20 minutes or less. The kitchen has all of the basics to cook simple to medium complicated meals, which we did when we were too tired to go out. There is a large grocery store just a few blocks from the apartment, but it was already stocked with basics like spices, oil, vinegar, etc. The bathtub/shower is elevated about 6 inches higher than a normal tub, so if you have a disability which would prevent you from stepping over that height, you might have an issue with the tub. On the other hand, even though it is a flight of steps up, there is an elevator that can be used as well. I would stay here again without hesitation. The neighborhood is very safe, and the apartment itself is very secure, the street door is locked, the apartment building is locked, and then of course the apartment is locked. There is a book in the apartment with many recommendations for everything you can think of including restaurants. Very handy and helpful. I haven't stayed at an Airbnb that worked so hard to make sure we knew our surroundings and places to go.

**Julien Vernaet – Maleville, France
January 2017**

Appartement très agréable, confortable et calme. Quartier Saint Lazare calme sûr et proche des transports en commun. Super adresse !!

**Wanxin Liu – China
January 2017**

‘Gail的公寓离地铁站大约五分钟，交通非常方便。附近有很多的咖啡厅和餐厅，非常便利。公寓里的设备也很齐全，只是部分设备有些旧。整体来说，性价比高。而且Gail很友好，及时回复我们的信息所以这次住宿非常愉快。’

‘Gail's apartment is about five minutes from the subway station, and the transportation is very convenient. There are many cafes and restaurants nearby, which are very convenient. Apartment equipment is also very complete, but some old equipment. Overall, cost-effective. And Gail is very friendly and timely reply to our information so this stay is very pleasant.’

**Jaap Osterop – Netherlands
6 January 2017**

‘Mooi appartement, prima locatie en leuke buurt. Uitstekend voor een trip naar Parijs. Alle bezienswaardigheden zijn met metro en bus snel te bereiken. Bakker en restaurants op loopafstand" Prima locatie, leuke inrichting. Prima ten opzichte van metro en bus.’

‘Nice apartment, good location and nice neighborhood. Excellent for a trip to Paris. All sights can be quickly reached by subway and bus. Bakery and restaurants within walking distance. Great location, nice decor. Fine relative to metro and bus.’

**Irene Allan – South Jakarta, Indonesia
December 2**

The house is exactly like picture. The bed in the main room is very comfy. The location is top notch and safe. There is big supermarket around the corner, Thai restaurant across the apartment building. Within walking distance to Grand Palais, St Honoré, Champs Elysées. Communication is excellent, very fast respond and helpful. Overall it's a good stay.

Clarisa Vaco – Spain
November 2016

‘La casa es acogedora, decorada con muy buen gusto, los muebles excepto La Cocina son muy antiguos pero tienen su encanto y dan ese aire vintage a la casa q tanto se lleva. Tiene todo lo necesario para hacerte sentir como en casa, paraguas, carrito de la compra, menaje de cocina, repuestos de sábanas y toallas. Uno de Los wc solo puede usarse para aguas, si sois varios alguna vez puede ser incòmodo. Gail està siempre disponible y contesta muy rápido. Tienes dos paradas De metro muy cerca además puedes ir caminando a todos sitios. Las camas son cómodas y la calefaccion funciona muy bien. En el edificio había obras y desde las 8 ya es imposible dormir, normal en pisos antiguos q siempre hay alguno en reformas. La casa da a el patio y es un poquito oscura, pero cm solo estábamos por la noche tampoco es una molestia. En conjunto la casa me ha gustado y hemos estado muy cómodos en ella.’

‘The house is cozy, decorated with very good taste, the furniture except the kitchen is very old but they have their charm and give that vintage air to the house that both takes. It has everything you need to make you feel at home, umbrellas, shopping cart, kitchenware, spare sheets and towels. One of the bathrooms can only be used for water, if you are several it can sometimes be uncomfortable. Gail is always available and answers very quickly. You have two metro stops very close you can also walk everywhere. The beds are comfortable and the staging works very well. In the building there were works and from 8 it is impossible to sleep, normal in old floors as there are always some renovations. The house looks out onto the courtyard and is a little dark, but we were only at night is not a bother. All in all, the house I liked and we have been very comfortable in it.’

Arica Walters – Malaysia
October 2016

Gail wasn't there so we were met by the lovely Georgina who is very helpful and friendly. We were allowed to put our luggage there first before the check in time. There is also a book full of information for us. The location is awesome, very convenient and we feel very safe in the apartment. Good security that's for sure. Very comfortable beds and we all slept very well which is usually quite rare when we travel. The communication was great and though we didn't meet Gail, she would still send us messages to see if we are all ok.

Armandine Denis – Australia
20 September 2016

We greatly enjoyed our stay in this apartment. It was very spacious, well equipped and very well located. It made our Paris trip with a 4-month-old baby very easy. I would definitely recommend this place to anyone.

Irina Aguirre – Massachusetts, USA
July 2016

We arrived earlier than check in and were totally jet lagged so were very happy that the greeter and the cleaning lady allowed our kids to sleep on the couch while their bedroom was being prepared. That flexibility made arrival much nicer. The apartment is in a nice building and pretty convenient location.

Terri Lowe – San Antonio, Texas
June 2016

The apartment was clean, well decorated and centrally located between 3 metro stops. Georgina greeted us and gave us the lay of the land. There were plenty of wonderful places to eat and a grocery store near by. They have a binder with everything you would ever need to know written in

English that we found very helpful. Our family would stay there again. I'd also recommend using a taxi or the car service Gail recommends to get there from the airport.

Fede Tarela – Buenos Aires, Argentina
June 2016

Everything was perfect, Georgina received us and explained all we should need. The apartment is big, comfortable for a family of 4, you will feel at home. Only negative for us was finding nice places for dinner or supermarkets around, the rest was over expectations.

***Response from Gail:** Thank you Fede and I am glad you enjoyed the apartment. There is a grocery store less than a 5-minute walk from the apartment and the details were in the information booklet that Georgina showed you when you arrived. The booklet also had an extensive list of restaurants we recommend in the area. If you stay with us again, be sure to ask us any questions you may have, as we are always happy to hear from our guests.

Wei Song – Hong Kong
June 2016

Nice neighborhood, convenient location. You can basically walk anywhere. Our greeter Charin was really nice and explained thoroughly about the apartment and the neighborhood despite being really early in the morning on a Sunday. I would definitely consider staying here again if visiting Paris again.

Rick & Linder Ulmer – Ontario, Canada
May 19 2016

Wonderful place to stay in Paris. Conveniently located to great restaurants and metro. Loved the city.

Amina & Augustin Naim – Paris, France
March 2016

Bel appartement, les photos sont conformes à la réalité. L'arrivée à l'appartement a été très simple, toutes les informations nécessaires nous ont été communiquées à l'avance par Gail. Je recommande !

Hulda Styrnisdottir – Iceland
October 2015

Great apartment for a party of five. Really good location for the metro, buses or just walking. Found a great restaurant the first night - Mollard (EST . 1867) 115 Rue St Lazare. Thanks!

Alec and Nicole Shuster – USA
September 2015

Great time here. Amazing apartment. Merci!

Hocine Sesrouidi and Family – Egypt
September 2015

On a passé une agréable semaine à Paris, mais c'est vraiment insuffisant de savoir des secrets de cette belle ville. L'accueil était chaleureux, l'appartement est propre. Merci !

Robert Lorimer – United Kingdom
August 2015

Gail provided a very friendly and efficient service. Communication was excellent, and everything went very smoothly. Our greeter was very thorough in describing all the amenities of our apartment. We

found the apartment very comfortable, though for most of our time we were out and about exploring Paris. Rue Laborde is just a stroll from Gare St Lazare, so getting about by the Metro was very convenient. It was reassuring to know that if there had been a problem then Gail or one of her colleagues would have been available to deal with it.

Shohreh Kawousi – Norway
July 2015

We were greeted by a friendly host who gave us a good introduction to the apartment and the local area. The apartment is spacious, well equipped and clean at arrival. It comes with a very useful booklet put together by the host with information on transport, sights, recommended restaurants, and other general information about Paris. The apartment is centrally located with numerous restaurants and cafés nearby. Also within walking distance is a large supermarket, several metro stations and bus stops, and great shopping, including the historic department store Le Printemps. We are very satisfied with our stay and will probably return to the apartment if heading to Paris again

Alayne Lima – CA, USA
June 2015

Thank you so much for an amazing week in Paris, the apartment was great, had just about everything we needed. Thanks again, will most definitely recommend Perfectly Paris in the future.

Peggy Lin – Hong Kong
April 2015

Very good apartment, nice location, very close to shopping mall when you want to go shopping, we spent a happy vacation here. I will definitely stay here next time when I come to Paris!

The Scots – CA, USA
3 October 2014

As soon as we got to the Luxurious Laborde we felt welcome. The greeter was there we they said they would be, the accommodation was ready for us. We had been given information to numerous activities in Paris prior to our departure. The location of the apartment was perfect, we were walking distance to everything. We were also close to several subway lines. The apartment was clean and everything was working. The accommodation was just as the pictures showed. I would definitely recommend the luxurious Laborde. Thanks Gail for hosting us! Loved it. Thank you for a great stay in Paris. Perfect location to everything.

Peter Harris and co – Canada
30 September 2014

Thanks to the whole team at PerfectlyParis for answering all questions, helping us get set up and being so disponible - It makes a huge difference. We stayed here and also on Rue Caulaincourt and enjoyed both spots equally. Two wee ones under four took us on the park tour of Paris. Make some time for Parc Monceau just around the corner, also the café by the park gates, and of course go to the Luxembourg gardens. Incredible city and great service. Thank you!

Robert – Ontario, Canada
September-October 2014

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clean and everything was working. The accommodation was just as the pictures showed. I would definitely recommend the luxurious Laborde. Thanks Gail for hosting us!

Patrick – MD, USA
September 2014

The apartment was just as depicted with ample room for both me and two of my brothers. It was such a relief being able to cook whenever we wanted or to wash our own clothes and the separate rooms and pullout sofa bed were all comfortable. Our total time there was 9 days and they went by far too quickly. A great big thanks for the information provided in the binder that was supplied for us as well as spices, teas, coffee, washing powder, towels, etc. The list goes on and on. The area placed us close (within walking distance) to the end of the M13 line (Saint Lazare), which made it easy getting around to see the city and the many sites. It was my first visit to Paris and the AirBnB staff and apartment made it memorable one. Another visit is definitely in the works to finish off seeing the mentioned areas and pleasing my palate with fine French cuisine. A million thanks to Gail and all the staff. They were always helpful, always cordial and always accessible. Looking forward to the next visit and use of AirBnB. Merci beaucoup!

Gretta, Phylis and Jeanette – USA
2 July 2013

Thank you, merci merci. We had the most amazing time. We are so grateful to you for all you have done for us. We are so appreciative to you. Staying here has been so comforting. It felt like home, we all did. This has been an amazing trip.

Kathie Rocha & Bill Starck – Whitinsville, MA
1 June 2013

Many thanks to you Gail and all of you at PerfectlyParis. Rue Laborde was an absolutely perfect location, complete comfort, and was quite spacious. The ease at which you made everything was just that much better! We look forward to using the apartment again and maybe investigating your many other locations. A must see at night is the Tour Eiffel as it magically lights up and twinkles for 5 minutes on the hour. Just superb!! We love Paris and will be returning for many years to come. Many thanks to all of you!

Kathie, Kathy, Katie & Pam – Uxbridge, MA
29 May 2013

Thank you Gail and the PerfectlyParis team for making this such an easy and stress free traveling experience! The apartment far exceeded our expectations and we are looking forward to our next trip. We recommend visiting the "Paris Story", located just behind the Opera house, at the beginning of your trip to familiarize yourself with the history of Paris. Also, the Batobus is a wonderful form of transportation to relax and see the sites. Again, we thank you! P.S After staying here, we are now inspired to go out and buy some "fancy" lighting!

Lynne and John Boise – Idaho, USA
16 May 2013

We so enjoyed the apartment and loved the neighbourhood. We went to Monoprix every day at least once. Best food at Tandoor, Sarladais and Regis. The waiter at Sarladaise was a standby comedian. Paris is a lovely city.

Ron, Susan, Rufino and Sandy – Massachusetts, USA
January 2013

Thank you for the use of your beautiful apartment. We love the location! After hours of walking and being tourists we appreciated coming home to this lovely apartment and being able to relax and contemplate on our day's activities.

Claire, Lynne, Alan, Ben and Luke – Brisbane, Australia
January 2013

Have just seen in the New Year in an amazing city with amazing friends and family and stayed in an amazing apartment in an amazing location. This is the 4th PerfectlyParis apartment I have stayed in and every time I come back to Paris I will continue to stay with you guys! Thank you for having us and thank you for the incredible stay.

Owen Family – NSW, Australia
11 December 2012

Just had 5 great days in Paris. The apartment is in an excellent location and you can walk to most of the sights. Take one of the hop on / hop off buses if you can. It is great value to get a ticket for more than one day. Great time of the year to be here with all the Christmas lights and Chalets along the Champs-Elysees. With all amenities nearby such as a Monoprix and boulangerie. Tip- Do not do Disneyland on a weekend. Thanks for having us!

Denis and Sue Balsom – Wales
7 November 2012

An excellent flat and base in a great location.

Vincent and Karen – Florida, USA
30 September 2012

This has been our home for the last 4 weeks and it made our time in Paris very special. The apartment is very convenient to everything, groceries, bakeries, shopping, metro etc...The apartment itself was very comfortable and spacious. Preston was wonderful taking care of some minor issues when we arrived in a very efficient manner. It really did feel like home when we came back from a nice diner out. One of my favourite restaurants close by was Le Sarladaise where the Confit de Canard is to die for. Outside the immediate area we really liked Café Tastevin on the Isle St Louis. Thanks again to Gail and Preston for making all of this happen. It has been a dream come true!

The Shrader's -New Haven, CT
30 August 2012

Nice, quiet and safe area for a family of 4 for 10 days. "Riva" to the north was the best restaurant. We found Michel-Angelo's was horrific! Breakfast in America was good. Don't miss Parc Monceau. Great 1km running track with very slow runners! Our teenage children loved shopping in Le Marais and at Printemps, and just reading in the park. The chocolate croissants at the bakery across the street are very good! Overall a very pleasant stay. Thank you for the beautiful apartment, we all had a wonderful time.

Tracy and Kerry Givant – USA
12 August 2012

Great place, great location! We recommend Le Carré and Michel-Angelo. Both convenient and have good food. The waiter at Michel-Angelo was very entertaining. The apartment was well stocked. Hope you enjoy it as much as we did.

Anne and John - Canberra, Australia
24 July 2012

Thank you Gail for a very easy booking process and also thank you for your prompt responses to our emailed questions. We have loved our stay here. The apartment is comfortable and in a great location. We highly recommend Le Carré restaurant for diner. It has been a dream come true to live in the beautiful city of Paris and this apartment exceeded all expectations.

Carmel, Mark, Ben and Lily – Melbourne, Australia
1 July 2012

Thanks for the use of your lovely apartment. It was great to come “home” and relax in our Parisienne “salon” after a big day of sight seeing. As everyone has said, the apartment is very well equipped and decorated, and very central. Also the beds are very comfortable and the apartment is very quiet which was an unexpected bonus! We are a family with young children and we found it a little difficult to find restaurants with children's menus. Le Carre does but it only has one dish so if they don't like it, then it is too bad. A few recommendations would be appreciated by future families, I think. We have had a wonderful time in Paris and hope we will be back again one day. Au Revoir.

Mark and Dee-Anne Wessel- Canada
24 June 2012

Thank you for such a wonderful stay at your apartment! We had a great time in Paris and loved this apartment! We saw so many beautiful things here. We hope to visit some time in the near future!

Michele and Diane – Santa Rosa, CA, USA
12 June 2012

Many many thank yours for this wonderful apartment. We had a fantastic time. The beds were comfortable, the “fire place” cozy and what a great location. We will tell all of our friends about rue de Laborde!

The McBrides, Linda and Roy – Fort Collins, CO, USA
12 June 2012

Thank you for a wonderful place to call home in Paris. Everything was better than anticipated. To echo others, we enjoyed returning to the apartment each day after being typical tourists. We had rain, sunshine and it all worked out.

The Carreno and Christensen Families – Cumberland, RI and Norton, MA, USA
15 May 2012

Thanks so much for allowing us to stay at your beautiful apartment. It was great to come back after a long day of walking and sightseeing and be able to truly relax!

The Westrichs – Cincinnati, OH, USA
21 April 2012

We had a wonderful stay in Paris. After many hours of sightseeing – by walking and using the metro – it was so nice to come back to the comfortable apartment. It was chilly and rainy this week, but we appreciated the sunshine on Thursday, the day we took a tour (through Viator) of the Loire Valley chateaux.

The Lampert, Biggs, Anic and Elliot Families
April 2012

Hello! We took our first family vacation to Paris this week. We loved the apartment, the central location and the overall feel of the apartment (very homey). We felt at home after a full days worth of

activities, it was nice to come home to a comfortable location. It is with a sad heart that we must leave a place that feels like a second home. We will be back some day.

The Schneider and Morales Families
6 January 2012

We add our thank you to you, Gail and to Preston, for providing such a well-appointed and centrally located apartment. We rang in the New Year at the Tour Eiffel – walked miles and miles through the Louvre, Versailles, Orangerie, Orsay and new find Musée Marmottan Monet. Breathtaking. Your restaurant suggestions were greatly appreciated – we add to it the Académie de la Bière for great beer and mussels done with five delicious sauces. A “must try”. PerfectlyParis is a happy discovery – once we will use again and certainly recommend.

The Jenks Family – England
27 October 2011

It is with great sadness that we end our holiday in Paris. We have had a fantastic experience. This flat has been perfect for our needs and incredibly central. We would recommend a walk up to Place de la Concorde, a stroll through the Tuileries Gardens, the Orangerie for the beautiful Monet's, the Pompidou centre for modern art, Bon Marché for fantastic shopping and visiting Notre Dame for the most amazing view over Paris. We used PerfectlyParis for a holiday 3 years ago and we will certainly use them again. Thanks Preston for all your help and information.

The Cizmar Familys – Montreal
10 October 2011

Thank you Gail for all your help! Paris was wonderful! The Eiffel Tower is magnificent! We all had a wonderful time. Au revoir!

Rick and Karen – Markham, Ontario, Canada
23 September 2011

Today is our last full day of visiting this wonderful city. Our stay has been filled with great experiences made so much more enjoyable by the open friendliness of people on the street who were always kind and helpful as we wandered about in awe! The L'Opentour bus/boat provided a very convenient and informative introduction to the city highlights and allowed us to quickly orient ourselves. Fantastic city!

The Fox Family – 19 August 2011

Loved the apartment. Our two children had a wonderful stay here with their cousins. Hope to return in the future.

Karen and Rob – 29 July 2011

The apartment was lovely and very convenient to everything – metro stops, shopping, great restaurants, etc. It was quiet and comfortable and it really felt like a home away from home for the week. We would highly recommend PerfectlyParis to all of our friends from New York, New York and everywhere else! By the way, the Rodin Museum and the Musée Marmottan are not to be missed!

The Masons Family – 21 July 2011
Tasmania, Australia

Dear Gail and Preston - We have had a wonderful stay at Luxurious Laborde. A perfect location to explore Paris – we were pleasantly surprised as to how quiet the apartment was. Everything you need for a comfortable stay is here including umbrellas, which came in handy! We could have no hesitation in recommending this apartment to other families or two couples. It has been the most well

stocked apartment we have stacked in. Plus close to restaurants, metros and the supermarket!
Thanks again.

The Gordon Family – Bainbridge Island, WA, USA
14 July 2011

We've had an awesome 10 days exploring Paris and beyond from this wonderful apartment! We did many of the usual things but really enjoyed 3 Fat Tire Bike Tours – city by day, city by night (complete with Seine river cruise and wine and Versailles. Guides were wonderful and fun to have a bit more active tourist activity. We had a great dinner at Le Sarladais (confit – yum!) and also really enjoyed l'Abordage – more relaxed and not pricey. The apartment and logistics were all beautifully done – thank you to all at “PerfectlyParis” for a totally awesome holiday.

The Vitse Family – Madison, WI, USA
31 May 2011

Thank you Gail and Preston. The apartment was perfect – the location ideal. We were also fortunate to have ideal tourist weather. A wonderful time was had by all. We will come back again!

Loretta, Patricia, Karen and Alice
19 May 2011

Being Parisians for a week was a dream come true! We always dreamed of staying in an authentic Paris apartment. It was everything we hoped for and more. We had a fantastic time. Every day was a memory. We were very comfortable with the accommodations - we were not disappointed. Merci beaucoup to Gail and the PerfectlyParis team!

The Wrights – Central Coast, New South Wales, Australia
18 April 2011

Thank you so much for making our visit to Paris a very memorable one, we will treasure our memories of this beautiful city forever. My daughters and I were here for my niece's wedding and couldn't think of a more romantic city anywhere else in the world to be married. The apartment was very central and had everything that we could ever require. Would definitely recommend and would return to this magic city.

Kristina
11 April 2011

Had a lovely stay in a lovely apartment. I think this experience has made converts of all of my friends – they loved being in an apartment instead of a hotel and this one was very commodious and pleasant. Thank you all so much – we hope to return again soon!

The Brooks Family – San Antonio, TX, USA
10 April 2011

Thank you for a wonderful time. The apartment was great and centrally located on multiple metro and bus lines. I would suggest dinner at Les Papilles it was the most orgasmic food experience of my life. Please make reservations as early as possible. I would also recommend Chez Nadine (83, rue Mouffetard 75005, telephone 01 43 37 64 39). Awesome food and outstanding service. Ask for George!

The Novosel Family – Philadelphia, PA, USA
23 January 2011

Thank you for your hospitality. The apartment was very comfortable and perfectly located. We had a terrific time in Paris visiting the sites and just enjoying the culture of this beautiful city! We look forward to returning soon!

The Gielen Family
2 January 2011

Thanks so much for the beautiful apartment – our Christmas was perfect. “Game hens in the toaster oven and we decorated the bonsai”. It was a wonderful way to bring in the new year.

Bob, Kelly, Mike and Blake
December 2010

We had the most magical visit to Paris. Your assistance made our time here very pleasant. Thanks also for ordering the 'snow' in November. As we are from Bisbane, Australia, we don't get to see that very often. Le Sarladais was excellent service, very funny staff as well. Recommended.

The Whitmans
18 December 2009

Gail and Preston - Great apartment and great location! We could walk to all the sights in Paris and enjoyed them all. The shopping on St. Lazare area was very crowded (because its the weekend before Christmas!) but had some good stores. We took a day trip to Normandy and took a private tour (Angelo – Private Tours Paris – contact@private-tours-paris.com). It was about a two hour drive and he was very informative and interesting, a really nice guy! It was great to have WIFI here. Don't overtax the electrical system because the power might go out. If power goes out – turn the dial in the fuse box. Thanks Gail and Preston! Great décor!!

Clare, Gabby and Ange – New Zealand
11 December 2009

3 Kiwi sisters here for 4 nights! Loved Paris, loved the apartment! Bakery across the road the best. The French could learn a thing or two about making sauvignon from the kiwis! Perfect sport. Thanks Gail and Preston.

The Woods and the Brandts – Sugar Land, TX, USA
23 June 2009

A wonderful experience in Paris! Would love to stay here again. The apartment included everything we needed. It gave us a real feeling of what living in this beautiful city must be like. Many thanks to Gail and Preston for all their help. While here I had a rather serious dental problem and had to have a root canal. Hopefully you will never have this problem, but should you need a dentist, I highly recommend Dr. Denis Bensimon (English speaking), 71 Ave Franklin Roosevelt. Tel: 01 53 75 00 50. He is a 15 min walk from the apartment. Looking forward to our return!

Mooibroek Family – Avon, OH, USA
12 June 2009

Thanks for the awesome apartment. We had a wonderful stay – hope to return soon. Thanks again.

Sullivan Family – TN, USA
2 June 2009

Really enjoyed our stay here – very relaxing after a long day of tourism and eating. Thanks!

The Martin Family – Houma, Louisiana, USA

28 May 2009

We love Paris and the apartment was great! We were a group of six, Mom, Dad, Jillian (this trip was her graduation gift), her boyfriend and two sons. We found the apartment was great and met all our needs. It was also helpful to have a washer/dryer and two baths. Over all, we saw a lot of Paris. Did a lot of walking... saw all the major sights. For two days we hired a private driver – www.driverguidefrance.com – who drove us in a nice van to the Loire Valley Chateaux – there are so many- we only saw 3 and drove by 4 others. We also hired him to take us to Chartres and Versailles. We also purchased the Paris Pass, which included metro tickets, museum tickets and even a river cruise. We loved the Tour Eiffel. Did not like crowds nor the endless amount of street vendors peddling key chains but it was awesome to see at night. We also like Montmartre. We did it on a Sunday when everything else was closed. Dining wise we ate at St. Augustin twice, a place called Marco Polo around Gare St. Lazare, other places around Champs Elysees (not that good), and a charming place called George at Opera. Gail and Preston, thank you for providing us with a wonderful stay in Paris – we cannot wait to come back in the future!

Lindsay, Jeremy and Hillary – Florida, USA
16 May 2009

What a wonderful home base to see Paris from. My husband, my 16-year-old sister, and myself stayed at Luxurious Laborde for a week and had a great time. The apartment was perfect, and better than it showed on the website. From the apartment we saw Paris from every point. It made our trip sad to say goodbye to our Paris home. If we ever come back to Paris again we will stay at Luxurious Laborde (or another apartment Gail has).

Tips: the bakery on this street is great! The green double decker bus is the best! Monoprix is wonderful and cheap. Metro is easy and cheap to use (much easier than NYC). Paris has very different hours than America – lots closed on Sundays. Breakfast 7:30-10:00, lunch 11:30-15:00, dinner 18:00-23:00 or so.

Emma, Erica, JB, Kayleigh – Boston, MA, USA
4 May 2009

Bonjour and merci! Apartment is 5-6 stars!! Truly beautiful in great location. Beds are heavenly – apartment has everything – very comfortable. Gail and Preston always available and so helpful. Local food stores, boulangeries, location to metro, Galeries Lafayette, etc. etc. amazing – thanks also to Justin and Sonny. Merci beaucoup/au revoir.

Lauren, Jen, Steve, Jacquie and Fiona – Melbourne, Australia
April 2009

Enjoyed our stay in Paris and the Luxurious Laborde very much! Comfortable beds, great location and the apartment had everything we needed. The 5 of us were here for a medical conference and found the apartment just what we were looking for. We are already planning our next trip back, so sad to leave! Can highly recommend the apartment. Thanks Gail.

Rob – Perth, Australia
April 2009

Thanks Gail, enjoyed the apartment and Paris- great city, needed more time to see all the galleries and museums. No doubt we will be back some time. What a cultured city.

Calvin – Australia
April 2009

The apartment was great. It was a great location easy walking distance to shops, metro stations and restaurants. The apartment is by far the best one we have stayed in, it has so many great things such as the WIFI and TVs that we just haven't got anywhere else. The apartment has a great feel to it comfy beds (mine was the sofa bed) and a great shower. I liked all the mirrors and paintings everywhere; the mirrors let you see all around the apartment and to place some interesting games.

**Brahams – Australia
18 April 2009**

We arrived very late 13/4/2009 picked up at the train station after coming from Venice. Here's what we think of Luxurious Laborde and Paris:

I loved Paris and especially the Eiffel Tower. My bed was very comfy and I like the big TV and the fringy shower curtain. It was a bit cold sometimes but nice and warm inside. I had a very nice hamburger with French fries at Le Saint Augustin Cafe. I really liked staying here. I think it's the best time at the Eiffel Tower at night (there is very short queue). It is a really good view from the top the lights flash every hour at night. The 10 ticket for 11.40 Euros was the best value on the metro. Great apartment and well stocked kitchen. Washing machine still stumped me!

**The Pendleton Witherspoon Family – St. Andrews Scotland and New York
11 April 2009**

Gail and PerfectlyParis assistant Laura were terrifically helpful and make our stay both comfortable and easy. They helped us find a sitter, a handy grocery (G20), and a hair salon! The apartment does not overlook the street, only a courtyard. The upside is it's quiet; the downside is it's very dark. The combo washer/dryer was indispensable "Extra Sec" actually gets the clothes dryer (even over dry so check midway). Recommendations: Kayser Bakery on Malesherbes, Bistro de l'Olivier (really terrific food, really friendly staff, at rue Quentin B.____(?) off the Champs-Elysees.

**Jennifer, Becki, Kathy, Kim and Sue Ellen – Tacoma, WA, USA
4 April 2009**

This apartment was more than we dreamed. Such large rooms, and fun decorations. We loved coming "home" every night, and the ability to make our own meals gave each of us the opportunity to share special dishes with the group. The area is lovely, and fresh croissants every morning from the bakery downstairs were great. Beware: don't go to the bakery on the corner of rue Laborde and Boulevard Haussmann – they gave us burnt pastries from the back, and we didn't see them until we were home. Learning to take the metros was fun and enabled us to see everything we could hope for. Thanks for a great Paris vacation and we look forward to returning!

**Susan, Steven, Valerie and Lilianne – Fredericton, NB, Canada
7 March 2009**

After arriving in Paris tired, it was wonderful to be met by Preston at the apartment and receive useful advice: particularly the fact that grocery stores would be closed the next day (Sunday). This was our girls' (aged 12 and 9) first trip to Europe. We came here for the final week of our 3-week vacation, after visiting Venice, Rome and Luxembourg. We walked everywhere for the first few days (Notre Dame, the Louvre, Musée D'Orsay, Les Invalides, Les Halles, Arc de Triomphe), then decided to save our feet some wear and tear and explore the Paris underground metro to get to Montmartre, the Catacombes (very cool!), Eiffel Tower, Versailles, Saint-Chapelle and the Conciergerie. Hope you will enjoy this apartment and Paris as much as we all did!

**Jill and Jim – Nebraska
18 February 2009**

Thank you for renting this beautiful place! We had such fun “living” here! Great location, great apartment and a great time. If you like Indian food – the restaurant 4 doors down on the right is great!

Suzanne
December 2008

A delightful Parisian apartment! Fantastically close to all the sites. Easy to get to trains or metro. We easily managed to gather around the table for breakfast and a late dinner. The beds were great – my girls had fun finding the various light switches and all the different lights. It was cozy and comforting – a great place to return to after tramping up and down the Quai to see the sights. Must see: Eiffel Tower at night – everything and more than I imagined!

Jessie
December 2008

This lovely apartment made my visit to Paris very wonderful. I'm so glad to have stayed here and visited, yet even as long as I've been here it's not long enough. I love Paris! I'd recommend using the Miromesnil metro stop and take the metro to Invalides, if you want to take the train to Versailles, plan ahead! It's amazing that any city can live up to a reputation as Paris does. It's all that I imagined it to be and more. This has been the trip of a lifetime for me, and I hope to make it only the first of my many trips overseas. Paris, je t'aime!

Carly
21 December 2008

Thank you so much for letting us stay in this wonderful apartment! It is cosy but roomy though it doesn't seem so at first. We walked all over Paris and it was nice to have a place to come “home” to. This was a great part of our trip. The nice parts about its location are that there is a bakery nearby – perfect for croissants early in the morning – and it's near a metro station. If you don't want to use the metro, it's not far from the other stops either. It is fairly close to some great sights like Arc de Triomphe. The Eiffel Tower was stunning! It is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, we went to the top! The cold air was worth it, the view was beautiful! Ste Chapelle's windows are also beautiful. Try to go on a sunny day! Thank you again, au revoir.

Roger – CO, USA
December 2008

The pictures do not do justice to the apartment – good pix – but – apartment is superb. A magnifique place to return to from a day in Paris. We had not only 6 (grandpere, grandmamma, daughter and her 3 daughters) – it was like herding cats. The apartment was always warm in both temperature and ambience – our enjoyment of Paris was truly enhanced by being able to live in such a welcoming home away from home. Many thanks for your hospitality – to Gail and Preston.

Kelly, Kat, Anne and Cristina – MA, USA
19 November 2008

We loved our stay and the apartment was perfect! It makes our trip so much more enjoyable. We would definitely stay here again on future trips to Paris. We were happy to see that the website pictures and description matched up to the apartment on arrival. We felt comfortable and “at home”! The location is great – very central.

Things we recommend and did:

-Breakfast at the boulangerie across the street for croissants and ham and cheese sandwiches (our favorites!).

-Eiffel Tower is a must – we went to the top during the day and viewed it at night our first night.

-Rue Danou at night to hit up Harry's New York Bar – oldest bar in Europe, Sherwood for some Jazz and Mannequin Pis for some hip-hop DJ music. Great time!

-Notre Dame, Sacré Coeur, the Louvre were all beautiful and great to see.

Thanks for everything Gail and Preston!

**Ann, Tony, Pam, Graeme and Jo – Victoria, Australia
9 November 2008**

Great apartment – no problems what so ever. Met/exceeded all expectations. Three nights all too short – location is fabulous. Walking distance to major sights and sounds of Paris and a local supermarket and excellent bakery very close. We loved the chandelier in the 'toilette'. Thank you PerfectlyParis – hopefully we will be back.

**Tari and Mike Brown, Lisa and Rock Harris – St. Louis, MO, USA
25 October 2008**

The apartment had all the amenities we expected (as noted on the website). Nice to have the actual match the marketing. We ate breakfast in the apartment daily, fresh croissants, and brioche provided by the bakery across the street – delicious! Also cooked dinner here 3 nights thanks to the Monoprix and a fairly stocked kitchen. Although measuring cups and measuring spoons would have been helpful. (Washer and dryer were lifesavers).

Food: of course chocolate and red wine are staples for a Parisian visit. But, have you tried vanilla yogurt by La Fermière found only at the market G20 Supermarchés – rue de la Bienfaisance and rue de Teheran? Rich and creamy like you cannot get in the US. Amazingly good. On the chocolate note, don't miss the chocolate chaud (hot chocolate) at Angelina's – across from the Tuileries on rue de Rivoli.

Sights: Wednesdays after 6 PM the Louvre has discounted prices and we experienced no wait to enter. The closing time is 10 PM on Wednesdays. Eiffel Tower at night is a must as well as a Seine River boat tour at dusk (we took the 7PM departure on the Bateaux Mouches). Dusk turned into night during our cruise and the sights were spectacular. Take a jacket or extra sweater though, so you can sit upstairs. Midnight stroll from the apartment to the Champs Elysées is a wondrous example of life and vibe of Paris, fantastic and charming mixed with diversity. It's probably 3-4 miles if walking all the way to the Arc de Triomphe via rue Malherbes to the rue Royale and back. Taxis are available for return if you're tired. Leisurely stroll, window shop and enjoy!

**Sale Family – Adelaide, Australia
12 September 2008**

Thank you for such a warm and welcoming apartment – comfy beds and plenty to keep our large family entertained. TVs and iPod stereo, Monopoly, a real hit with our boys. Tip: on arrival head to Arc de Triomphe – easy 2 hour walk. At top after 280 steps you get a perfect view of Paris and how it is situated to plan outings. Magic memory: Wednesday was a warm evening with clear skies. We sat on the steps of the Trocadero entertained by people and buskers. We watched the sun go down and the Eiffel Tower light up with its dazzling display. Absolute magic. Evening our 16 and 18 year olds were taking photos with their phones. Paris is certainly a magic city- thank you for sharing it with us.

**Donna – Ireland
7 September 2008**

“PerfectlyParis” was perfectly plush! Amazing apartment shared by great friends – our friends celebrated their wedding on 6/9/08 in Notre Dame de Passy. Antoinette was the perfect princess for her prince Terry now known as Mr and Mrs McGrath. Thank you for the memories back in Paris. The Eiffel Tower sparkling at night is a true fairy tale! Try the little bakery outside the apartment – bread always fresh and delicious. My favorite part of the apartment is the “Moulin Rouge” bathroom – class!

The Mansfield Family – UK
22 August 2008

I haven't been to Paris properly since a monumentally unsuccessful exchange visit as a 15 year old when I spent a fortnight in some hideous tower blocks in which a smelly cat did smelly cat things. To be honest, it scared me. However, this visit has been redemptive and has allowed me to see that much is so much more than anti-social felines coughing up fur-balls and passing on their communicative diseases. It is a truly wonderful city and it's great that virtually everything is within walking distance. We thoroughly enjoyed all the main sights – Louvre, Notre Dame, Eiffel Tower and the L'Arc de Triomphe. I even conquered my vertigo and made it up to the top of most of them. For me though, the highlight of the holiday was the opportunity to spend time with my family and share our thoughts and feelings with each other. Nah, only kidding, it was the Musée d'Orsay.

The Hughes Family – Bermuda
12 August 2008

The apartment is beautiful! Avoid le Saint Augustin Brasserie (not the best) and try the sofa bed. The most comfortable in the house! Paris is amazing and so beautiful. The Eiffel Tower is so much fun (if you're not scared of heights). Thanks so much Gail and Preston!

The Davalos Family– CA, USA
6 August 2008

This apartment was amazing. We hope you have a great time like we did. Just look out for the floors, they creak a lot.

Celynne, Robert, Alex, Elise – Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
30 July 2008

Notre séjour à Paris a été plaisant, même s'il a fait très chaud! The apartment is roomy, well equipped and very central – we travelled on metro all week with our Carte Orange. The Internet access was particularly useful for the teenagers...and that makes life easier for the parents! Some arrangements should be made with the landlady with regards to the A/C. It is useful to travelers at night to sleep, turning it off on 30 degree days is not very useful. Otherwise, great apartment.

Giselle Baretto, Christianne, Carlo and Gustavo – France
25 July 2008

Everything was lovely, thank you so much! And the many tips in the books are very useful, too. About restaurants? We had “the best” meal at l'Atelier de Joel Robuchon but also enjoyed the local restaurants Le Huitième is modern and friendly, the food was good too. Until next time.

Tim – East Lansing, MI, USA
16 July 2008

Arrived in Paris today and took a bike tour. We took a tour in Berlin and had to do it again here in Paris. It was great to see all the major sights the first day while doing it in an eco friendly way. We also van plan how we want to see the city during the rest of our stay. After the tour they provided a list of cheap places to eat. It's about 4 hours but worth it for the price.

Zelda, David, Jamie and Joel – Cape Town South Africa
15 July 2008

Lovely apartment, great location in Paris. Paris has great sights to see. We saw the Eiffel Tower, Invalides, Pompidou, Louvre, Notre Dame and Elysee Palace.

Brian and Judy O'Brien – Ireland
14 July 2008

Lovely apartment, great location, would use "PerfectlyParis" again. Thank you!

Dave, Glenda, Susan, Taylor and Matthew – Ontario, Canada
7 July 2008

This is a great location. We were able to get to all the sights on the metro and Saint Lazare train station was great for getting to Versailles and Monet's gardens at Giverny. The latter is really worthwhile at this time of year but you need to allow a full day for travel, walking the gardens and lunch. The sales were fantastic the weekend of July 5/6 - 70% off - lots of fun shopping for shoes. The kids loved collecting the coins at all the sights - cheap souvenirs! Thanks to Gail and Preston for helping to make this trip a success. It was great dealing with someone from "home". We have already recommended this apartment to friends and relatives.

Bruce, Tanisha, Nicole, Ladan, and Amir
June 2008

All I can say is WOW! This was the most beautiful apartment I have ever stayed in. It was better than our own house. We are sooo glad we didn't get a hotel suite. I am going to rent this apartment every single time we go to Paris. The apartment was in the perfect spot. You could walk to anything. The Champs Elysees was so fun to walk through, and the Eiffel Tower was amazing at night. I would go at the end of June or in January because that is when the big sales are. Everything is 30 percent off or 50 percent off. It's a lot better to go shopping at that time of year. So our trip was amazing. Paris was so fun, and there was nothing wrong with the apartment. Have a great time.

Patricia and Michael Stevenson – Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
10 June 2008

Wonderful return to Paris with London friends. Second stay with PerfectlyParis and lived up to expectations again. Unfortunately no washer/dryer as it was out of order and double bed turned out to be two singles (not too romantic)! But other than that everything was excellent. Will certainly book with Gail and PerfectlyParis again.

The Cannings – Seattle, WA, USA
29 May 2008

We've been in this lovely home for a month now and have barely scratched the surface of this amazing city! The apartment was a wonderful home away from home for our little family (our little house as Trixie our 2 year old dubbed it). For folks travelling with kids (ours 9 and 2) there is a nice little park across the square with a sandbox. We left our sand toys in the apartment – enjoy. Parc Monceau is fabulous as well and an easy walk up Malsherbes. Luxembourg was our favorite – there's an amazing play park and carousel there. Also, a carousel at St. Paul and Abbesses Metro stations.

Food: Ghisoni across the street is a terrific boulangerie – we ate breakfast and lunch there many days. Try the Savoyard baguette – yum. Le St. Augustin is a decent café not great. Avoid Pepinière. We greatly enjoyed Pomze – drink the cider! Chez Toinette in Montmartre and le Petit Zinc in Ste Germain also good.

Day trip to Chartres is easy and terrific. I'd skip Versailles and just do Chartres if you have to choose. At Versailles, rent the little golf carts and drive to the parc and Trianon. Well worth the expense. We loved Chateau de Vincennes as well. Paris Museums are great. Skip the Louvre unless you have oodles of time and hit the d'Orsay instead as it's an amazing space and the best impressionist collection in the world. The Grand Palais hosts stunning temporary exhibitions and is worth checking out. Also don't skip the Jacquemart Andre just down the street on Hausmann – cool little place plus a Michelin rated café for lunch.

For souvenirs, try the flea market at Porte de Vanves (on M13 from Miromesnil) Saturdays from 8 AM-1PM fun, neat stuff that's not the ordinary and very French. Speak French (try!) and you may get better prices but don't expect to haggle them down much.

Churches – Sainte Chapelle is worth the line to get in. Notre Dame de Paris is nice (but no Chartres!). Don't miss Sacré Coeur on Montmartre if you can. The walk up from Abbesses metro is a fun one (aside from tourist hell just before the basilica).

Thanks again for an unforgettable stay!

The Babes in Paris – Oregon, USA April 2008

6 women, wonderful food, laughter, the sights and sounds of Paris, fine art, late nights, sore feet, much more laughter, too much wine, sparkling skies, a beautiful apartment to return to at the end of another long day, 4 memorable days and 6 friendships that will be richer.

Lauren Elder – Denver, CO, USA March 2008

This apartment was wonderful! It was decorated very interestingly and had very comfy beds (much better compared to the ones we suffered through in London). It came equipped with all the amenities and became our home away from home for the 5 days we were here. To all of you who stay here in the future, you probably should know that the washer dryer is possessed and will run for ridiculous amounts of time unless you read the instructions closely; it can get cold at night, so it is helpful to know there are extra blankets in the cabinets underneath the TV. While you are our in the city, I would recommend that you visit the Eiffel Tower at the hour at night, when it sparkles for ten minutes. Don't forget to grab a crepe at one of the stands scattered throughout Paris and remember that you should always say "Merci" to shopkeepers and waiters, unless you wish them to make snide comments about you in French. Hope you have a wonderful stay! Thanks to the owners for a great apartment!

Kay, Michael, Lauren, and Howard – Denver, CO, USA March 2008

Rue Laborde was indeed "Luxurious". Loved all the red in the kitchen. Our daughter and her friend really enjoyed the experience of living like Parisiennes, riding the metro, etc. Having all the extras in the kitchen and a great supply of lines was great. (Came from a much leaner place in Londres). Thanks to Gail for all the info and great to meet Lauren on arrival. The TV with all the cable channels was a cultural experience in itself. Again, thanks for sharing your beautiful apartment and city with us.

Elly Lewis, UK, living in Australia 25 March 2008

This apartment was fantastic! It's very modern, and the beds were so comfy. The hairdryer was very handy as well. We went to see all the landmarks, (which were amazing) and it snowed when we were up the top of the Eiffel Tower; it was the first time I'd ever seen snow. Thank you very much.

Natalie Evans, UK, living in Australia
25 March 2008

Bonjour! Comment allez-vous? The apartment was very nice! In a good location (close to the landmarks and shops) and the beds were so comfy! I enjoying seeing Paris – but my favourite thing was going to the very top of the Eiffel Tower... it started snowing! Also, it doesn't take very long to walk anywhere in Paris, even though it's a big place. Thanks, merci!

Debbie et les 3 Filles – Ontario, Canada
13 March 2008

This is apartment number 4 that we have rented directly or indirectly through Gail and PerfectlyParis. We had a lovely time, this apartment is close to major sites, the metro - although the Miromesnil station could use some perfume! The apartment is lovely - although the kitchen could use some basics like oven mitts, potholders and more dishtowels! Everything else works well and the 2 TV set up is great. We did manage to find some sunny periods and ventured as far as Fontainebleau this trip, although we left in a winter "hurricane" but return in some bright sunshine. Fontainebleau is worth the trip - tickets can be bought at Gare St. Lazare - connect at Gard de Lyon via metro line 14. Buy the package with the SNCF, it's worth it. A trip for two to Galleries Lafayette's Gourmet shop is good for food and gifts.

Ann – Singapore
24 February 2008

We had a great time in Paris. The apartment has everything one needs. The location is fantastic. Check out le Boulanger Eric Keyser: amazing bread!

The Smith Family – Maitland, NSW, Australia
7-27 January 2008

In one word: WOW!

We had a great time and the apartment was a wonderful base to explore Paris from. The beds were really comfortable, every thing worked, although we got bored with the English and US news channels!

Tip 1: Metro line 14 is a quick trip into town and you can exit at St. Augustin by following underground paths.

Tip 2: Catch bus 22 and experience the Arc de Triomphe traffic live – take a camera and get photos of the madness.

Tip 3: Learn how to say "we are funny when we try to speak in French" "Nous sommes amusants Ne c'est pas? The French people laugh with you and respond positively and helpfully.

Tip 4: Don't just say "Parlez vous anglais?" all the time. Actually having a conversation even a simple one is a good learning experience and French appreciate the effort. Not everyone speaks English, so don't expect them to. Imagine if tourists coming to Australia wanted us to speak Japanese all the time.

Tip 5: Have some variety in your diet. The novelty of croissants and pain au chocolat fast wears off. Buying 1 or 2 baguettes for lunch to make sandwiches is pretty cheap and easier than searching for a good café. Monoprix- good, we cooked ever night almost. But Le Saint Augustin has food food, escargots there are good, and even better chocolate fondant and chocolate cream – and English translations on the menu.

Tip 6: Get a weekly metro-bus card thing, 16 euro each, but better than paying 2 euro per trip.

Tip 7: Say “merci beaucoup” and people will be très happy, smiles and compliments get good service.

Tip 8 : Say “nied” (pretend to be Russian) to the Bosnian girls – they will curl up their lips and move onto the next “do you speak English” target.

Tip 9: Watch where you walk: dangerous presents about!

Tip 10: Walking around while wearing cheap berets is quite an embarrassing and entertaining way to spend an afternoon.

We had a ball! Thanks Preston and Gail, you were a great help before and during our stay!

**The Griffiths-Abramowski – NY, USA
20 December 2007**

This apartment simply wowed us! The TV, the fridge, the two flat screen plasmas, the WIFI, no one has this. No one! Name one apartment you know that could have been more comfortable. Parisian style as this, the Luxurious Laborde. Thank you for giving us the experience of our lives. This apartment really changed us and helped us bond into one strong, happy family.

**Kolleen & Brian, Kate & Bruce – Michigan, USA, Ottawa, CA & Basel, Switzerland
December 2007**

Once again Paris was a delight – a bit chilly but magical during the holidays! Thank for the dining advice. We enjoyed La Sarladaise, so much we went two nights in a row! The food was divine and the service simply excellent. Paris, as always is a world capital of food, fashion, art and ideas and always stands as a symbol of all the fine things life has to offer! Apartment comments: Overall, very comfortable, quiet and cozy but there were a few problems when the hair dryer was plugged and the bathroom heater and light was on we experienced a power outage. When the toaster oven was on, we also experienced an outage. Thank you Gail and Preston for the kind and helpful advice and service! The apartment was well-appointed, super beds! Lovely to come back and relax between shopping/sightseeing and dinners. We loved the central location and walked everywhere.

**The Bradshaws – IL, USA
20 November 2007**

The apartment is quite lovely. Take advantage of all the tourist material and guides – very useful. Great central location. Thank you Gail for allowing us to stay. We had a wonderful time!

**Ingrid, Trond, Therese & Jimmy – Norway
12 November 2007**

The restaurants around Place St. Augustin were very good. The local foodstore “Monoprix” was also very convenient. We were also so lucky to experience a small concert in Notre Dame, which was very nice. The price of drinking in pubs and clubs was a bit expensive (almost Norwegian prices). Paris in daytime was lovely, in the night it was a bit disappointing. Thank you for our stay. The flat is super nice. ☺ (Eiffel Tower at night was fantastic, short queues.)

**Ching & Family – Montreal, Canada
1 November 2007**

We had a great time. This apartment was perfect for us. It was truly home away from home when we had a full day of activities. Gail and Preston: thank you very much for your help and your advice. P.S. Watch out when purchasing phone cards: some don't work at all!! "Delta France International" is OK.

**John & Karen Trew – Northern Ireland
2-22 October 2007**

We had a pleasant stay here, helped by some very nice people. Nearby at 30, rue de Laborde is "St. Augustin Papeterie" where Eva and Paul run a charming business selling pens, postcards, notebooks, etc. However they are really helpful in answering all queries about the area (Eva speaks English) so I would ask you to give them your business!

Also helpful and charming are the owners and staff of two nearby restaurants, POMZE (owned by Daniel Dayan) has delightful cuisine and drinks based on apples (109, blvd Haussman). La Sarladaise (2 rue de Vienne) on the other side of St. Augustin church is a top class (good value @ 32 Euro dinner) restaurant. Traditional Périgordine food is the specialty – all the duck dishes are sublime. They have a big Algo-American clientele.

Avoid Brasserie La Pepinière with its unhelpful attitudes and choose any other Brasserie on Place St. Augustin – the vegetarian Italian "Michel-Angelo" for a new take on trattoria food.

In the apartment:

1. Always keep the bath plug in to avoid any chance of a "back-up" if using the noisy electric toilet flush in the main bathroom.
2. The WIFI has been unreliable on occasion. Turn it off at power input. Put power back and press block button beside input socket.
3. Sink in kitchen has unreliable sinkhole mechanism.

Otherwise a pretty trouble-free stay for us...